



MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

FY 2015/2016 Unmet Transit Needs

Recommended by

MCOG's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council

(not in any order of priority)

November 10, 2014

Needs Identified at the SSTAC workshop:

1. Transportation to Brookside Elementary School from outlying areas, particularly north of Willits, to provide access to Head Start Program
2. Lower cost transit for senior volunteers
3. Lower cost transit for Head Start families
4. Volunteer driver programs for remote areas – revitalize funding and partnerships
5. Service to outlying areas north of Willits, including campgrounds, Sleepy Hollow, Laytonville and Leggett
6. Smaller transit and paratransit vehicles or four-wheel drive vehicles that can accommodate trips to remote areas with winding or gravel roads
7. Additional service on MTA's route connecting Fort Bragg with inland Mendocino County and Santa Rosa

Needs Identified through the Coordinated Plan Process:

1. Paratransit door-through-door service to outlying areas of the county that senior center transportation programs currently do not serve due to distance and/or terrain including: Hopland, south of Burke Hill Drive, Boonville Road, East Side Road south of Talmage, Redwood Valley, Potter Valley, Golden Rule, north of Willits, Pine Mountain, Brooktrails, areas further out Sherwood Road, Laytonville, Leggett, The Woods in Little River, Albion, the Town of Mendocino
2. Wheelchair accessible door-through-door assisted service for seniors on Wednesday in the Ukiah area (the day the senior center transportation does not run due to budget constraints)
3. Assisted service for seniors on weekends, especially for those going to church on Sundays
4. Non-emergency medical transportation, including trips to out of county locations and outside of normal senior center transportation operating hours
5. Expanded service from Willits to Fort Bragg
6. A vehicle for the Senior Center Without Walls events
7. An additional vehicle allowing the Redwood Coast Senior Center to expand service

8. A dedicated van for transporting veterans to the VA hospitals in Eureka and the Bay Area
9. Transit connections between Mendocino College campuses in Ukiah, Willits and Fort Bragg
10. Service between Fort Bragg and Ukiah that would allow for a full work day in Ukiah
11. Service to Redwood Valley that leaves between 1:30 and 3:00 pm for those who work in Ukiah, so they can complete their work schedule without having to wait many hours for the next bus
12. A bus route from Town of Mendocino to Caspar to Fort Bragg
13. Local bus service between Point Arena and Gualala
14. Dedicated service between Willits and Ukiah
15. Transportation for the homeless population of Mendocino County that cannot afford to use the bus; especially to and from the Buddy Eller Center
16. More frequent Coaster service
17. BraggAbout service every half an hour (increase from every hour)
18. Service to the old Howard Hospital in Willits

Needs Identified by Mendocino Transit Authority from public outreach:

1. Saturday bus service between Willits and Ukiah
2. Additional bus service on Route #7, the Jitney, in Ukiah
3. Service to Mendocino College in Ukiah from the North Mendocino Coast and/or drop off and pick up on the current Route #65 schedule
4. Saturday bus service on Routes #75 and #60 to Fort Bragg
5. Bus service to the North County Mendocino College Campus in Willits from the North Mendocino Coast
6. Extended Route #60 that arrives in Mendocino at 12:19 pm to Navarro River and return trip to Fort Bragg
7. Saturday service on Route #60 between Fort Bragg and Navarro River
8. Earlier service to Fort Bragg High School to accommodate the morning bell time
9. Service to the new Howard Hospital campus in Willits
10. Bus service to fill the transit void between Garberville and Willits
11. Service between Anderson Valley and the Coast and back in the same day
12. Route #75 connection with the Intercity Bus grant funding an additional round trip on Route #65 between Ukiah and Santa Rosa
13. Service to Sea Ranch on the South Mendocino Coast
14. Service from the inland area to the South Mendocino Coast and back in the same day

15. Local bus service between Point Arena and Gualala
16. Additional bus service on State Street in Ukiah
17. Bus service that departs Ukiah to Redwood Valley at 1:05 pm
18. Evening/weekend bus service between Point Arena and Mendocino

TOTAL of 43 Recommended Unmet Transit Needs

Additional (Non-Transit) Recommendations:

1. Brooktrails Second Access Road to address congestion and delays
2. Safer bicycle and pedestrian access to transit stops on rural roads with no shoulders
3. More frequent street sweeping on North State Street in Ukiah, between Raley's and Mendocino College, is needed for bicycle and pedestrian safety
4. ADA compliant sidewalks within 1/3 mile of fixed route bus stops
5. Address problem of bicycle thefts that occur even when bicycles are locked and secured properly